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The Gannets of Bonaventure.

EDITOR OF 'THE AUK,' SIR:

With reference to your review of 'The Gannet, a Bird with a History,' may I use your columns to make a request for more information about the early history of the important Gannet settlement upon Bonaventure Island, which lies some way to the south of Cape Gaspé in the Gulf of St. Lawrence? I learn from Mr. F. A. Lucas that in 1813, Commander Wakeham of the cruiser 'Princess,' was in the vicinity of Bonaventure, on which he did not land, but understood that the Gannets had been established there a long time. But one would like to have some definite written information about them, and proof of their presence on the island, not only in 1813, but at a much earlier date, which ought to be obtainable. Unfortunately neither Audubon nor Dr. Henry Bryant went to Bonaventure, nor does there appear to be a record of any naturalist having actually been there before 1881, in the summer of which year it was visited by Mr. William Brewster and Professor Hyatt, who were members of a small party organized by The Boston Society of Natural History for scientific exploration. Mr. Brewster did not actually land on Bonaventure, but great numbers of Gannets were flying about when he sailed past it, although the weather was too misty to permit of a good view of the cliffs.

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Researches of Gerhard Heilmann on the Origin of Birds.

EDITOR OF 'THE AUK':

Last autumn my attention was called to the unusual and very excellent work now being published by the Danish ornithologist, Mr. Gerhard Heilmann, of Copenhagen. Through my correspondence with this painstaking researcher, it came about that I was in a position to be of some slight